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Dear Mr. Schorle:

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I am writing to update you on the status of our plan to develop additional landfill space in the area south of the existing Pagel's Landfill. I realize that the permitting process for the additional landfill space is a state and local matter, but I wanted to make you aware of the status of the project.

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Several years ago, the City of Rockford proposed to develop a municipal landfill in an unincorporated area of the county. The County, however, denied site approval after lengthy hearings. That decision was recently affirmed by the Illinois Supreme Court. After the Illinois Supreme Court decision we discussed the possibility of developing additional landfill space at the Pagel's Landfill site with representatives of the City and County. In conjunction with a local company engaged in the recycling and scrap business, we proposed to construct a materials recovery facility or recycling center at the Pagel's Landfill site. This facility will essentially allow for the sorting and separation of recyclable materials from unsorted municipal waste. We also proposed the construction of an additional landfill area on property which we own south of the Pagel's landfill.

The additional landfill area would occupy a "footprint" of roughly 31 acres. The design of the landfill has been developed by Andrews Environmental Engineering of Springfield, Illinois. The new facility will comply with the regulations for non-hazardous waste landfills adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board on August 2, 1990.

In the design of the new landfill area and in the operating plan for the new landfill area, we will take all appropriate steps to insure that the new facility does not interfere with any remedies or further studies which arise in connection with the existing landfill. To this end, the

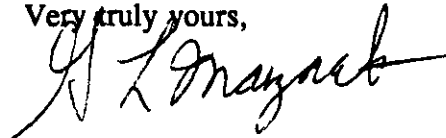
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new landfill area will be located a sufficient distance south of the existing facility to allow for necessary monitoring or other remedies. Additionally, disposal activities in the new landfill area are planned to begin at the southwestern-most section of the site. As a result, activities in the new landfill area will take place as far away from the existing landfill as possible for a substantial period of time. We estimate, for example, that it would be 10-15 years, at the earliest, before landfilling activities would occur within 150 feet of the existing facility.

Again, I realize that the details of the permitting process for the new facility is largely a matter of state and local concern. Nonetheless, I thought it would be helpful for you to have some information on the status of this project. We expect that the County Board will vote on the local siting for the project in the second week of October. If you would like any additional information please feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. L. Marzorati", written over the typed name.

Gary L. Marzorati
Winnebago Reclamation Service

GLM/cc